

Amendments to the Specification

Change page 1, lines 13, as follows:

FLUORESCENT SUBSTANCE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME,  
~~ILLUMINATOR~~ AND IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a fluorescent substance having a  $\beta$ -type  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  crystal structure, a method for manufacturing the same and its use. More specifically, the ~~said~~ use relates to ~~an illuminator—~~and an image display device which utilize the properties of said fluorescent substance, namely, the characteristics emitting a green fluorescent light having an emitted light peak between 500nm and 600nm in wavelength by being excited by an ultraviolet light or a visible light of 250nm to 500nm in wavelength or an electron beam.